

Who we are

The Ethanol Working Group (EWG) is a coalition of public and private organizations, universities, and state agencies interested in the promotion of ethanol in Michigan.

Contact information

If you are interested in receiving the Michigan EWG News and/or have ethanol-related information you would like to submit for this publication, contact the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) at 1-888-323-6601 or by email at corninfo@micorn.org

Additional ethanol information is available on the CMPM website at www.micorn.org and the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org>

Ethanol Education/Promotion

Ethanol Workshop

The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) in partnership with the Michigan Departments of Consumer & Industry Services and Agriculture are holding the third annual Michigan Ethanol Workshop on September 26th at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. The focus of this workshop will be to provide legislators, corn producers, fleet managers, and the general public with answers to commonly asked questions about ethanol, information on new ethanol markets such as E-diesel, and an update on the development of an ethanol plant in Michigan. Workshop speakers will include: State Representative Larry Julian, Bob Dinneen-Renewable Fuels Association President, Trevor Guthmiller-American Coalition for Ethanol Executive Director, and many others. Anyone interested in receiving additional information about the workshop should go to the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at <http://michiganbioenergy.org> or contact Kelly Launder at 1-888-323-6601.

E-85 Station Promotions

Ford Motor Company and the CMPM held two E-85 promotional events in August. Previous to the event, postcards were sent to all area E-85 vehicle owners, notifying them of the event and that their vehicle can run on E-85. Approximately 550 gallons of E-85 was pumped at the Lansing event in only two hours! The Detroit event at the WOW! station was equally successful and approximately 2,300 gallons of free E-85 was pumped into the flexible fuel vehicles. In addition to free fuel, vehicle owners were given a Ford goodie bag and ethanol information. With high holiday gas prices, drivers at the WOW! station were excited about the event and continuing to use E-85, which was priced lower than regular unleaded gasoline.

Additional Updates

University of Michigan supports the use of E-85

In a recent presentation to the Ethanol Working Group, Pat Cunningham, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, stated that the University of Michigan (U of M) currently has 240 E-85 vehicles, all of which run primarily on E-85. U of M has a 10,000 gallon E-85 storage tank on campus. Due to their automated fuel dispensing system, E-85 vehicles can only refuel with E-85. Mr. Cunningham also told the group that their drivers take pride in using alternative fuel vehicles and they haven't received one complaint regarding performance or refueling inconvenience. U of M plans to acquire an additional 250 alternative fuel vehicles by 2003.